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## BOWLING GREEN MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS WHILE SUBJECT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR RESTRAINING ORDER

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Bowling Green returned an indictment against Lloyd Brown Skillern, age 48, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, on charges of possessing firearms while subject to a Domestic Violence or Restraining Order, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment charges that on March 5, 2007, Brown possessed 21 firearms at his residence while under an active Domestic Violence order issued by the Warren Circuit Court. The weapons were as follows:

<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>MODEL</b>
RG Industries	RG14S
Taurus	85
Savage	170
Browning	Unknown
Remington	600
Brazil	Unknown

Remington 700

Winchester 12-12GA

Savage 93R17

Sporting Arms Snake Charmer II

Remington 700

Bridge Unknown

Harrington & Richardson Unknown

Marlin 783

Remington Wingmaster 870

Marlin No. 25

Ruger 10/22

Benelli, S. PA Super Black Eagle

Royal Unknown

Ruger Mark II

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Bonar. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Bowling Green Warren County Task Force, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Brown is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on August 22, 2007, at10:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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